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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

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FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

## A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

25X1 The third meeting of the Inter-agency Roundtable on Area Training, which was formed last June on our initiative and in the spirit of OCB recommendations, produced a general resolve to define more closely and expand the services to the member organizations. The Military Assistance Institute's Director, Brigadier General Henry C. Newton, and his chief of research, Colonel Walter Choinski, briefed the representatives of seven other agencies on MAI's mission and functions. [ ] representing OTR, consider that that organization is doing an outstanding job in orienting the great majority of outgoing MAAG officers on their areas of assignment. This orientation, which is an intensive four-weeks full-time program, is unique in its field in the Washington area. It obviously holds valuable lessons for us in our efforts to develop the best possible orientations on specific areas. A unanimous decision was made to devote the February meeting to a closer examination of the Roundtable's potential for pooling resources, such as information on teaching aids, in order to reduce duplications of effort and fill gaps. We have volunteered to host this meeting, preferably in the conference room in East Building.

## B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

25X1 1. Three AAO's are scheduled for January, prior to our cut-in to the prospective new-style briefings. While these next AAO's - for Germany, Western Europe, and Latin America - will therefore be handled as formal classes under our "old" procedures, we do intend to offer further tutorial assistance on individual countries to the limit of our capabilities. [ ] is preparing a short quiz on well-known information about Germany for use as an assessment device at the outset of the briefing on that country, and we hope to introduce this feature gradually into all AAO's.

25X1 2. [ ] of OC has asked [ ] to arrange a briefing on  
25X1 Iran for one person. [ ] also considers that his division will want  
25X1 the AAO on [ ] which he had earlier discussed as a possibility with  
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3. The first of six lectures on North Africa was given by   
for AF/N on 3 December.

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